



## DUCHESS BACK IN LONDON.

## STOLEN GAINSBOROUGH AGAIN IN THE HANDS OF THE OWNERS.

One of the Agnew Denies That Any Reward Was Paid, and Says He Knows Nothing of the Picture's Part in the Negotiations—Picture Will Be Put on Exhibition in Few Weeks.

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
LONDON, April 8.—Thomas Agnew & Sons have issued an official statement to the press announcing the recovery of the famous portrait of the Duchess of Devonshire which was painted by Gainsborough. The communication briefly relates the circumstances of the theft in 1870 after the portrait had been purchased by the Agnews for £10,000, which was the highest price ever paid for a single picture at Christie's. It adds that the Scotland Yard officials informed the firm that the stolen canvas was hidden in a town in the Western United States, and that they were working for its recovery in conjunction with the Pinkertons. One of the Agnews immediately proceeded to America for the purpose of identifying the picture.

A representative of THE SUN saw Mr. William Lockett Agnew at his residence, No. 11 Portman Square, today. Mr. Agnew said there were some inaccuracies in the statements about the recovery of the picture, namely, the reference to Mr. Pat Sheedy and the reward. He said:

"There is no such man as Sheedy. If there is I never heard of him. The first we knew of the affair was when Scotland Yard communicated with us. We immediately despatched Mr. Morland Agnew to the United States. He was accompanied by Scotland Yard and Mr. Pinkerton were the only ones concerned. No other person entered into the negotiations. We paid absolutely no reward, but we will probably pay a small sum. It was Scotland Yard that first informed the Pinkertons who arranged for the restoration of the picture. Mr. Morland Agnew returned on March 25. He was sitting in a hotel when Mr. Pinkerton entered and asked: 'Will you be here for half an hour?' If so, I will have something to show you."

"Mr. Agnew said he would remain where he was, and in a short time Mr. Pinkerton returned with the picture. It was placed in a case in two minutes and left Chicago with it the same night. We are absolutely certain it is the real picture. We have got it safe and are taking good care to keep it."

"Mr. Morland Agnew on his trip from Liverpool engaged a special compartment of the train which was isolated from the ordinary carriages in order to avoid interference. He had the train specially stopped at Willesden, where I was waiting with one of my brothers. The picture was conveyed to my brother's, where it now is. We have fully insured it against further loss. It is exceedingly good condition, with the exception of a slight scratch on the face. The canvas has certainly been trimmed. It will be on exhibition in three or four weeks."

Mr. Lockett Agnew was in high spirits. He closed the interview by saying: "I am delighted to hear that the picture is safe. I am glad to hear that the picture is safe. I am glad to hear that the picture is safe."

There were many newspaper reporters on the Prince's landing stage at Liverpool this morning when the Rurika came in and Mr. Agnew was among the first to disembark. He went down the gangway carrying the picture, wrapped in cloth, under his arm. The dimensions of the parcel were about 3 by 2 feet.

Mr. Agnew immediately proceeded to the dock station, where he took the train. He placed the picture carefully on the seat in the carriage and took it back after he had refused to enter into any extended conversation.

Mr. Agnew and his wife arrived at Euston station at 5:45 o'clock this afternoon without the picture. Mr. Agnew looked worried and embarrassed to avoid conversation, but said: "I am sure you will find it in the picture."

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## JUST SWING INTO THE FENDER.

## Coolheaded Pedestrian's Neat Escape When a Trolley Car Tripped Him.

R. F. Smith of 50 Suydam street, Brooklyn, saved himself from being crushed under the wheels of a trolley car yesterday afternoon, when it fell off a track as he was stepping from a car that had come to a standstill. He had his adventure in Park row at the terminus of the Madison avenue line and within a stone's throw of the spot where the very Rev. John E. Barry of Concord, N. H., was killed by a Broadway cable car.

Mr. Smith had just left the Post office and was trying to get across Park row. He waited for a third avenue car to pass and go around the loop. Then he crossed the track and stepped between the rails of the Madison and Second avenue tracks, which came to dead ends there just within the loop. A second avenue car was going to the terminus at about half speed. Its fender tripped Smith and threw his feet in the same direction that the car was going. He grabbed the dash board and came down easily on his hands and knees, with the car still moving.

Smith stayed there for several seconds looking up at the motorcar. The motorman leaned over the dashboard and looked at him. Neither said a word. Neither did any of the hundred or more persons who had gathered around the scene. The car went on its way. They all seemed to think that Mr. Smith ought to swear or the motorman apologize before there was any outside comment.

The conductor finally relieved the situation by beginning to brush Mr. Smith's coat. The motorman said that he would not make any fuss about the matter. That disappointed the crowd of eye witnesses, who had volunteered to go to court and describe just how it all happened.

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## TROOPS INSULT ENVOYS.

## FOREIGN GARRISONS IN PEKIN ARE DISORDERLY.

Commissioner Rockhill and British Minister Held Up by German Soldiers and Their Sedan Chair Bearers Beaten—Proposal to Quarter the Troops Outside the City.

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
LONDON, April 8.—A news agency despatch from Peking reports the Ministers as not wholly favoring the military arrangement respecting the legation guards, they fearing friction between the various nationalities. They think that instead of cooping the troops up in the small area of the city it would be better to have an encampment a dozen miles off.

This idea is prompted by the fact that several of the Ministers have been insulted by foreign soldiers. Mr. Rockhill, the American Commissioner, and Sir Ernest Sartorius, the British Minister, were recently returning from a dinner in sedan chairs when German soldiers stopped them and beat their bearers. The ladies of the party were greatly frightened.

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## CRISIS IN CHINA.

## The Administration Watching the Course of Events With Anxious Interest.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The Administration is watching the events in China with anxious interest. It is believed that the next week or two will develop whether there is to be absolute harmony among the Powers or a break in the international concert. Germany and Russia are the nations in whose policies the United States are particularly interested. Just as Germany adopts Count von Waldersee's suggestion that the armed forces be withdrawn from China, other nations, it is believed, will follow suit, as fear of one another's intentions is regarded as the reason why the European nations are keeping so many troops in the Empire.

Russia's attitude toward China since the negotiations concerning Manchuria failed is not fully known here, but the Government believes that there has been no break in the relations between those two countries. On the contrary, it is understood that Russia will continue negotiations with China on the subject of Manchuria now under consideration at Peking, but will not hold any communication with the Chinese representatives in regard to Manchuria.

Such wreckage in the Atlantic. Vessels Report Seeing Floating Sars, One To Foot Long—Saxonia's Rough Trip.

**Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.**  
QUEENSTOWN, April 8.—The British steamer Saxonia, Captain Ward, from Boston March 30 for Liverpool, has arrived here. She reports having had a terrible passage. She encountered a hurricane, which lasted from April 2 to April 4. The wind blew with such force that part of the time she was not able to make more than seven knots an hour. She was a notable sea sickness sufferer.

Many vessels arriving lately have reported seeing heavy sars and other wreckage in the Atlantic. The large number of disabled propellers reported recently are ascribed to this wreckage.

At Canton, a steamer passenger, was landed here and placed in an asylum as a dangerous lunatic. He tried twice during the passage to jump overboard.

Mr. J. Morgan & Co. to Finance H. New Company to Control the Stores.

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## HUGS FOR DEMOCRATS ONLY.

## YANKEE GIRL KISSER COMES GLADSTONE HOME.

She Found the Smoking Room on the August Victoria the Pleasantest Place—She Kissed the Seaside American Men and Waved the Star Spangled Banner.

The genius of the ship, according to the male patrons of the smoking room, was a Yankee girl, a Seaside American, who, apparently, was to be a J. H. G. good fellow and a soother of the brows of folk unaccustomed to the pitching and rolling of a winter voyage. She is Miss Elsie Brandt, and she landed yesterday in Hoboken from the Hamburg-American line steamer Victoria. Nearly everybody shook hands with her and wished her a fine trip to her residence at Canton, Ohio, pretty near the home of President McKinley.

She has been away a year in Italy and southern Europe. Her sister came down to the pier with her at Genoa and their farewells were quite as effusive as those of the most ebullient of latins.

Miss Elsie got into the good graces of most of the passengers right away. The dignified ones were inclined to view her with a degree of alarm natural to conservative voyagers. She appeared in the smoking room yesterday and looked at the card playing without, however, showing a disposition to take part in the games. A venturesome man asked her if she would like to have a cold drink, and she answered that she did not drink anything but water and wisdom.

She said she was proud of her nationality and that the only one she took her from her father was the American. The Europeans, she declared, were fickle and didn't like the right conception of the true character of womanhood. There were many Americans in the August Victoria and Miss Brandt preferred them to anybody else. She ministered to the needs of the passengers, and she was called the "daughter of the regiment," but fearing that that didn't suit the right national favor he finally changed it to the "Nerd of the smoking room."

The Nerd came up fresh and smiling every day, as if she had just emerged from the bath. She was shining and her hair reflected the tint of the sun, when that luminary was doing business for the particular latitude. In the smoking room, she kept close watch on her through port holes.

On Sunday night, the last day of the voyage, the Nerd offered the smoking room in a brilliant mood. They were all glad to see her. There was a great deal of cheering and shouting all the men in the smoking room said they were expansionists and Republicans. A loud cheer was given for the Nerd of the argument got up and asked plaintively:

"Is there a Democrat in the room?" "I'm a Democrat!"

Miss Brandt looked at him a moment, and it is said, remarked that she was a Democrat, too, although she lived next door to President McKinley in Canton. She then walked up to the passenger, embraced him and gave him a resounding kiss, which the Nerd distributed to the other passengers.

Immediately another man got up and answered that he was a Democrat. The ladies at the port holes said it was really very kind of her to carry away a young woman, but she actually did hug the second Democrat.

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## THE TRUTH SCARES THE "ANTI'S."

## Atkinson Crowd Rejects Deported Manila Offer to Speak on These Terms.

St. Paul, Minn., April 8.—The Anti-Imperial League of Boston, of which Edward Atkinson is the head, endeavored to secure the services of George T. Rice, the deported editor of the Manila Bulletin, in advancing their cause. Mr. Rice received a telegram from Secretary Winslow of that society asking him to come and address a large anti-imperial meeting which was to be held at Faneuil Hall, Boston. Mr. Rice, however, much he may have against individuals under the pay of Uncle Sam, or against the conduct of certain affairs in the Philippines, is not an "Anti." In fact, he has strong republican leanings and he replied thus: